



Video News Production

Purpose: To evaluate each contestant's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding teams for excellence and professionalism in the fields of broadcast news production, news anchoring, directing, technical directing and floor directing.

On-Site/Off-Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On-Site
Contest Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4/9/2024
Contest Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Convention CenterA220
Early/Normal Start Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Normal Start TimeRegistration will open at 8:00am. Please report to B-Hall Show Office for Registration. Competition will begin at 10:00am.
Contest Open/Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Closed
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Schools may send one (1) team of four (4) competitors for every 50 paid SkillsUSA members based on local competition enrolled in a program where the scope of the contest described in the SkillsUSA Technical Content Standards reflects a major component of the program. Please refer to the National Technical Standards for more eligibility details on this contest.
Competition Clothing (To be worn on Day 1)	<p>For the anchorperson: SkillsUSA Official Attire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Official SkillsUSA red blazerButton-up, collared, white dress shirt (accompanied by a plain, solid black tie or SkillsUSA black tie), or white shirt (collarless or small-collared), with any collar not to extend into the lapel area of the blazer

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (knee-length at minimum) ▪ Black closed-toe dress shoes ▪ Note: Wearing socks or hose is no longer required. If worn, socks must be black dress socks, and hose must be either black or skin-tone and seamless/nonpattern <p>For other team members:</p> <p>Business Casual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Polo or other collared shirt ▪ Khakis or dress pants; no jeans ▪ Closed-toe dress shoes ▪ Note: Wearing socks or hose is no longer required. If worn, socks must be dress socks, and hose must be either black or skin-tone and seamless/nonpattern. ▪ Note: School identifiers and contestant names must be covered.
<p style="text-align: center;">Safety Equipment Required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N/A
<p style="text-align: center;">Awards Ceremony Attire (To be worn on Day 2)</p>	<p>SkillsUSA Official Attire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Official SkillsUSA red blazer ▪ Button-up, collared, white dress shirt (accompanied by a plain, solid black tie or SkillsUSA black tie), or white shirt (collarless or small-collared), with any collar not to extend into the lapel area of the blazer ▪ Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (knee-length at minimum) ▪ Black closed-toe dress shoes ▪ Note: Wearing socks or hose is no longer required. If worn, socks must be black dress socks, and hose must be either black or skin-tone and seamless/nonpattern <p>Or,</p> <p>Business Dress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blazer, sports coat, or dress

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Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students should be prepared to take a written knowledge test.
Provided by Contestant (Tool List)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One hard copy of a 1-page typed personal resume. ▪ Emergency Medical Authorization required. ▪ Teams will not be able to check in without all team members EMAs. Teams will incur a point penalty (approximately 1% of the total contest points available) for each member that arrives at the orientation without a resume. ▪ Stopwatch (optional) ▪ Pens/pencils ▪ Notepaper
Contest Notes, Themes, & Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ News writing, news producing, news anchoring, directing, technical directing and floor directing. ▪ Teams compete sequentially during this contest, so a competition start time will be assigned to each team during the orientation session. Each competing team will first work together as a group to read, script and pre-plan their news production in the “newsroom” space provided and will then move together into the “control room” space and “studio” space to execute their planned news production as a team. One student from each team (the Technical Director) will be stationed in the control room space during production and will be expected to operate a basic production switcher with three cameras and other sources available during their team’s production session and will need to verbally “call the show” by providing verbal camera cues, production cues, timing cues and other directions to the student staffing the “floor director” position on the team via a linked headset communication system. The floor director will be expected to receive those

	<p>verbal calls from the technical director and then provide appropriate hand signals and other direction to the two student news anchors sitting at the news desk and in front of the 3 cameras. The two news anchors will be expected to present the news together while seated on the news set. Teleprompters will be provided to assist news anchors with their on-camera presentation. Content formatted for display on the teleprompters will be authored/typed by each team for themselves in the newsroom during pre-production.</p>
<p>Special Notes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Starting in 2024, all State Contests will begin to add a scenario-based component. ▪ Contact with Contest Coordinators is prohibited. Contact with Contest Coordinators outside of the SkillsUSA Ohio office may result in contestant disqualification. ▪ All safety requirements will be heavily enforced. Violation may result in contestant disqualification. ▪ No smart watches and/or phones are permitted during the contest and/or in contest. ▪ No contact with anyone outside of the contest area once the contest begins. ▪ No inappropriate communication between contestants such as verbally degrading another contest. ▪ No cheating on any portion of the contest such as informing another contestant of the skills/test prior to competing. ▪ Starting in 2024, Wi-Fi is provided for contests where it is required for contest success.
<p>National Technical Standards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please refer to the 2023-2024 National Technical Standards for all contests. Any and all standards included may be tested in any competition. ▪ In conjunction with National Standards, violations may result in student loss of contest.
<p>Resume/Interview Requirement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All SkillsUSA Ohio State Championship Contests will require a short interview component. Students should be prepared with basic job interview skills. ▪ All contestants must have a hard copy of a one (1) page personal resume.

